

Substitute Bill No. 140

February Session, 2002

AN ACT CONCERNING ADMISSIONS TO NURSING HOMES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2002) No hospital, state 2 hospital or community mental health center may discharge, to any 3 chronic and convalescent nursing home or any rest home with nursing 4 supervision, any patient having a documented history of violent or 5 sexually abusive behavior within the past three years. The medical 6 director of a nursing home or rest home shall have results of MIMR screening before admitting any patient and shall deny admission to 8 such facility by any patient if the medical director determines that the 9 nursing home or rest home does not have adequate numbers of trained 10 staff and the proper treatment protocols to meet the needs of said 11 patient.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2002) No hospital, state hospital, community mental health center or public or private mental health facility, as defined in section 19a-490 of the general statutes, may discharge, to any chronic and convalescent nursing home or any rest home with nursing supervision, any patient having a psychiatric diagnosis unless the nursing home or rest home has a separate unit with an adequate level of trained personnel to care for the psychiatric needs of such patients. The medical director of a nursing home or rest home shall have results of MIMR screening before admitting any such patient and shall deny admission to such facility by said patient if the

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- 22 medical director determines that the nursing home or rest home does
- 23 not have adequate numbers of trained staff and the proper treatment
- 24 protocols to meet the needs of said patient.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2002
Sec. 2	October 1, 2002

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